

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR REPLACING CUTTING  
IMPLEMENTS IN SEVERING MACHINES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1           Apparatus for replacing spent and/or damaged knives  
2   with fresh knives in a machine wherein semifinished rod-  
3   shaped smokers' products are converted into cigarettes,  
4   filter mouthpieces or the like employs a knife holder,  
5   a locking device which can releasably clamp a knife in  
6   the holder, a preferably automated system for temporarily  
7   deactivating the locking device in order to allow for  
8   removal of a spent knife, and a conveyor system for  
9   introduction of a fresh knife into the holder subsequent  
10   to removal of the spent knife and prior to renewed activa-  
11   tion of the locking device.